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Nineteene humble Propositions for Peace, which the Author desireth to cleere and make evident to all the true-hearted Citizens of London, if God will direct their hearts to heare and imbrace the same (and importune the Parliament for the practice thereof) for the good of City and Countrey, humbly shewing,

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THat your poor and almost restlesse Suppliant, who for the space of eight or nine moneths in the neglect of his own private affairs and livelihood having continually almost had new solicitations in his thoughts of certaine probable wayes and means for the deliverance of this City and almost the whole Kingdome with the spare of much money now spent, and bloud now spilt, hath sought continuall opportunity to declare the same to you that being faithfull had power to execute the same, yet notwithstanding could never get a hearing, Gods time being not then come, do yet once more, not knowing Gods time, try if God will now at last move your hearts in generall, or any particulars of you, to joyn together to hear him at large concerning that, the heads whereof he hath here set down, he doth not doubt but if God affect your hearts to hear, and endeavour the practice of the same, that you will think it the best spent time you spent in temporall occasions since our King departed from us, which also will be joyfull to many, and incourage them in your defence, which at present for feare dare not move therein, for if God do it, he will do it I conceive by a means yet unthought of in generall.

1 How to secure the store of food, and chief goods both in City and Countrey for the use of the owners thereof.
2 How to treble your strength, and make them your helpers, that now (fearing your side the weakest) dare not.
3 How to make your enemies not onely defend your cause, but to doe it willingly, because thereby they should make their owne estates the more secure, and have a lawfull satisfactory excuse if they be taken.
4 How notwithstanding the enemies threatning, yet to keep the City and Countrey yet unplundered from starving or fear of starving.
5 How to prevent the enemies Troupes, coming among us, of subsistence, except by yeelding up horses and armes, which they will rather do then lose their lives.
6 How to prevent a way of destruction which is like to come by the corne which our God ordinarily sendeth for our preservation.
7 How to make a comfortable defence about all places yet unplundered, to the great joy of the inhabitants, whereby they shall be a refreshing to the City, and the City to them.
8 How to increase bread by destroying drunkennesse.
9 How to increase our friends and store with the losse of nothing but such members as we would not own and enjoy.
10 How it will so appear unto all, that they shall prevail in your cause, and thereby enjoy their lives, goods and priviledges, as it will much increase their courage therein.
11 How abundance of money of Colonels, Captaines and Officers wages, as also of the horse and his rider might be spared.
12 How to give warning of the approach of the enemy, and to discover the number of them to the countrey about, and which way they march, without sending to them.
13 How both food and firing would hold out foure times as long as it is like to last, in a way much more profitable to the City and Countrey.
14 How this course would keep many friends among us that are daily flying beyond the seas.
15 How many women and maids would be as beneficiall as men.
16 How full of joy the practice hereof would fill the hearts of City and Countrey.
17 How it would in an ordinary way of providence be to the great increase of friends, food and store.
18 How to keep your secrets from your enemies, and any other letters from passing to them.
19 The losse of enemies, which as it will be the increase of our food, which they being among us spend, so it will cause a scarcity of food among the enemies, and store of food will procure friends.

I beseech you consider, and use your best endeavour, if the Lord will shew you in this your day the things that belong to your peace. The weaker the means, and baser the instrument, the more Gods own hand is seen.

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